



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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Dr. Brady Deaton
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RE: Museum of Art and Archaeology

Chancellor Deaton:

Because of the City Council's interest in continuing a strong partnership between the community and the University of Missouri campus, we urge you and the Board of Curators to make the Museum of Art and Archaeology a priority in the upcoming capital campaign. The Museum is a cultural anchor and resource that supports schools, business, academics and civic life, especially in downtown Columbia.

We understand the need to assure the absolute safety of Pickard Hall, and we hope that the Museum's transition to Mizzou North is only an interim measure. The Museum's first and best home should be the main University campus, either in a safe and renovated Pickard Hall or in a new facility. If that is not possible, the Museum should stay downtown, easily accessible to campus and those in and adjacent to the surrounding area.

Please assure the continuing presence of the Museum in the center of Columbia by starting capital planning and development as soon as possible. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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